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May 21, 2002

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2001, kindly
consider and enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7, with the
following paragraph:

~~Several different species of the genus Clostridium produce large
molecular weight (250-300 kDa) cytotoxins which cause effects on the actin
cytoskeleton, including disruption of actin stress fibers and rounding up of cell
bodies. This sub-group of clostridial cytotoxins includes toxins A and B from
Clostridium difficile, lethal toxin (LT) (SEQ ID NO.: 6) and hemorrhagic toxin~~

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